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TAGS: ELAB, TH  
SUBJ:PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS' MEETING OF AUGUST 18

REF: BANGKOK 18193

1. MEETING OF PUBLIC SECTOR UNION REPRESENTATIVES REFERRED TO IN  
REFTEL WENT OFF WITHOUT INCIDENT. SOME 300 LABOR REPRESENTATIVES  
FROM 22 STATE ENTERPRISE UNIONS HELD OPEN MEETING AT ROYAL HOTEL.  
UNION LEADERS INVITED IN NUMBER OF POLICE AND PRESS WHO HAD  
COME TO HOTEL.

2. MEETING ELECTED 3 REPRESENTATIVES FOR LABOR DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCIL. (LABOR DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IS PROVIDED FOR BY ANNOUNCE-  
MENT 47 OF THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM COUNCIL WHICH

PROVIDES FOR A 20-MEMBER BODY TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON LABOR  
POLICY--5MEMBERS EACH FROM GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS, WORKERS AND  
GENERAL PUBLIC.) IN TYPICAL THAI FASHION NO REFERENCE AT ALL WAS  
MADE TO LABOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT LAST WEEK THAT STATE ENTER-  
PRISE UNIONS WERE NOT LEGAL. UNIONS HAVE DECIDED TO PROCEED ON  
BASIS THAT SUCH A RULING DOES NOT EXIST.

3. COMMENT: PRINCIPAL SIGNIFICANCE OF MEETING IS THAT DESPITE ITS  
TECHNICAL ILLEGALITY GOVERNMENT MADE NO MOVE TO PREVENT IT. ACCORDING  
TO AAFLI REPRESENTATIVE LEADERS OF PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS HAVE  
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RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM CERTAIN TOP MILITARY PEOPLE THAT THEY  
WILL BE SUPPORTED IN THEIR EFFORT TO HAVE THE CABINET DECISION  
DECLARING PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS ILLEGAL RESCINDED OR NOT  
ENFORCED.  
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